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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JANUARY 18

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1. U.S. COVERAGE IS LIGHT IN VOLUME AND DOMINATED BY
FAMILIAR THEME OF MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX (MIC) CAMPAIGN
TO RAISE DEFENSE OUTLAYS AND DEVELOP ARMS RACE.

--PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT G. VASIL'YEV TAKES

UP SUBJECT AND APPLIES IT TO CAPITOL HILL WHERE NEW
DEMOCRATIC CONTROLLED CONGRESS SHOWS EVIDENCE OF GOOD
INTENTIONS BUT WHERE MINIONS OF MIC ARE ACTIVE IN

PROMOTING "SOVIET THREAT" MYTH (E.G. SENATOR PELL).
HE WEAVES IN EXECUTIVE BRANCH DEBATE ON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR SALT DELAY BY CITING IKLE STATEMENT TO CONGRESSIONAL
COMMITTEE BLAMING SOVIETS AND CONTRASTING IT WITH
KISSINGER'S ASSERTION THAT DISAGREEMENTS WITH USG
DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR LACK OF SALT AGREEMENT.
-- PRESIDENT FORD COMES IN FOR HARSH TREATMENT
IN KZ WHICH PRINTS TASS WASHINGTON REPORT ON FORD'S
BUDGET MESSAGE CALLING FOR INCREASES IN DEFENSE SPENDING
AND FUNDING FOR B-1, TRIDENT, MX BALLISTIC MISSILES
AND CRUISE MISSILES.
--PRAVDA HAS SHORT TASS WASHINGTON STORY ON
AMERICAN CORPORATIONS INTERESTED IN NORMALIZATION OF
RELATIONS WITH CUBA. PEPSICO, GREAT WESTERN UNITED,
AND ABBOTT LABORATORIES ARE NAMED.

2. OTHER COVERAGE:

--ON POLAND, TASS REPORT ON NEW FONMIN WOJTASZEK'S
JAN 17 COURTESY CALL IN JAN 18 PRAVDA SUGGESTS,
PREDICTABLY, THAT IT WAS A SUCCESS: "CORDIAL, COMRADELY
ATMOSPHERE," "FULL UNITY OF VIEWS ON ALL QUESTIONS
DISCUSSED," "SOLIDITY" OF SOVIET-POLISH RELATIONS
"BASED ON UNITY OF OUR GOALS, FIDELITY TO PRINCIPLES
OF MARXISM-LENINISM AND SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALISM,"
LATTER CONFIRMED BY "LIFE ITSELF". BREZHNEV AND GIEREK
ALSO GOT PERSONAL KUDOS. OTHERWISE, REPORT IS
UNCOMMUNICATIVE ON BILATERAL RELATIONS, BUT SERVES AS
VEHICLE FOR GROMYKO PROPOSAL OF "PRELIMINARY MEETING"
OF CSCE COUNTRIES IN NON-NUCLEAR FIRST USE TREATY (SEPTTEL).
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--BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CHARIMAN LOUIS VAN
GEYT HAS LONG PIECE IN PRAVDA ON PARTY EFFORTS TO
UNITE LEFT FORCES IN BELGIUM BEHIND SINGLE PROGRAM
AGAINST RIGHT, PRIMARILY CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC FORCES.
--PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN BY RUDOLF
PUCHKOV TAKES UP FAMILIAR THEME OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN
U.S. AND EC STATES WITH U.S. SUCKING ECONOMIC LIFE
FROM EUROPE CHIEFLY THROUGH TRADE IMBALANCES.
PUCHKOV SEES SIGNS OF COMING TRADE WAR BETWEEN "PARTNERS."
--PRAVDA SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT A. VASIL'EV
REPORTS FROM CAIRO ON MEETING BETWEEN SADAT AND KING
HUSAYN IN ASWAN. COMMUNIQUE REPORTEDLY CALLED FOR
REPRESENTATION OF PLO AT MEPC AS INDEPENDENT AND EQUAL
PARTICIPANT.
--KZ HAS TASS LONDON ITEM REPORTING SADAT'S
INTERVIEW IN SUNDAY TELEGRAPH. PRESIDENT IS CITED AS
READY TO MAKE "UNLIMITED" CONCESSIONS TO ISRAEL BUT
INFERENCE IS MADE THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT PEACEFUL
SOLUTION TO ME CONFLICT IN 1977.

--PRAVDA HAS TASS CAIRO ARTICLE ON PALESTINE
INFORMATION AGENCY, WAPA, PROTEST OVER BRITISH DECISION
NOT TO PUBLISH OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS FOR 1946. PUBLICATION,
SAYS WAPA, WOULD SHOW EXAMPLES OF ZIONIST TERRORISM
AGAINST ARABS.

--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA HAVE SEVERAL TASS ARTICLES
ON COUP ATTEMPT IN BENIN. EMPHASIS IS ON INVOLVEMENT
OF "MERCENARIES" INCLUDING SOME "EUROPEAN."
F. TARASOV GIVES HIS "COLUMNIST'S OPINION" IN PRAVDA
THAT "PROGRESSIVE" BENIN GOVERNMENT HAD NOT PLEASED
"INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLISTIC CIRCLES AND LOCAL FEUDAL-
COMPRADOR" GROUPS.

--KZ HAS LENGTHY ARTICLE BY V. SELIVANOV ON
THEME OF U.S.- CHILEAN DE FACTO MILITARY ALLIANCE WHICH
HAS AS ITS GOAL THE DEFENSE OF THE REGION FROM INTER-
NATIONAL COMMUNISM.

--PRAVDA NOTES EXCHANGE OF CABLES BETWEEN
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GROMYKO AND CUBAN FONMIN ISIDOR MAL'MIERKA PEOLI (PHONETIC)
ON LATTER'S APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE.

--IZVESTIYA SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, YU. BANDURA,
WRITES ON UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT OF JAPANESE BUSINESS
AND POLITICAL CIRCLES TO KEEP LOCKHEED SCANDAL UNDER WRAPS.
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